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MEMORANDUM FOR: DS I

SUBJECT: Dr. Gustav Hilger

1. This is a reminder to lay some very firm research requirements upon Dr. Hilger and to require production under those requirements. As you know, Dr. Hilger has been with us for relatively a long time. He has produced, I believe, a few very excellent papers but in the main I believe he has been busily engaged in the production of his memoirs. I have not been convinced, and I believe that you haven't either, as to Hilger's precise, positive value to us at this time. I wish, therefore, that as quickly as you are able to do so, you would set up a series of papers to be produced by Hilger in order that when we shall have received and reviewed and evaluated them we will be in position to decide whether he will be retained.

2. You will recall that we discussed asking him to produce a think piece as to the probable future situation within the Politburo—in terms of cleavages of power and internecine battles—should Stalin die. This should also include attention to possible lines of propaganda which might be expected to have a divisive influence upon the Communist Party members within the Soviet Union and the elite governmental functionaries outside the Party but within the governmental structure.

3. A second theme worthy of his attention would, I think, relate to the general disillusionment of the governmental functionaries within the Soviet Union as to the manner in which it is necessary for them to exercise utter control over the satellite states and thereby depart in great measure from their ideal concepts. This should also take account of the atmosphere of suspicion, tale-bearing, hate, reprimand, and frustration within which they work.

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